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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Terror Act Has Lasting Effects

By Declan McCullagh

WASHINGTON -- Legislators who passed the USA PATRIOT Act proudly say that the most controversial surveillance sections will expire in 2005.

Senate Judiciary chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) said that a four-year expiration date "will be crucial in making sure that these new law enforcement powers are not abused." In the House, Bob Barr (R-Georgia) stressed that "we take very seriously the sunset provisions in this bill."

But the Dec. 2005 expiration date embedded in the USA Act -- which the Senate approved 98 to 1 -- applies only to a tiny part of the mammoth bill.

The act empowers police with the permanent ability to conduct Internet surveillance without a court order in some circumstances, secretly search homes and offices without notifying the owner, and share confidential grand jury information with the CIA.

Also exempt from the expiration date are investigations underway by Dec. 2005, and any future investigations of crimes that took place before that date.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "I will issue directives requiring law enforcement to make use of new powers in intelligence gathering, criminal procedure and immigration violations."

President Bush requested the USA act in response to the Sep. 11 hijackings, "so that we can

combat terrorism and prevent future attacks."

The lone Senate critic of the bill was Russ Feingold (D-Wisconsin), who introduced an unsuccessful series of pro-privacy amendments.

"We in this body have a duty to analyze, to test, to weigh new laws that the zealous and often sincere advocates of security would suggest to us," Feingold said. "This is what I have tried to do with this anti-terrorism bill. And that is why I will vote against this bill."

Feingold said the USA Act "does not strike the right balance between empowering law enforcement and protecting constitutional freedoms."

But not one of his colleagues joined him in dissent. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-New York) seemed to speak for the rest of the Senate when saying "the home front is a war front" and arguing that police needed new surveillance powers.

Other sections of the USA Act, which the House approved by a 357 to 66 vote, that do not expire include the following:

- * Police can sneak into someone's house or office, search the contents, and leave without ever telling the owner. This would be supervised by a court, and the notification of the surreptitious search "may be delayed" indefinitely. (Section 213)

- * Any U.S. attorney or state attorney general can order the installation of the FBI's Carnivore surveillance system and record addresses of Web pages visited and e-mail correspondents -- without

going to a judge. Previously, there were stiffer legal restrictions on Carnivore and other Internet surveillance techniques. (Section 216)

- * Any American "with intent to defraud" who scans in an image of a foreign currency note or e-mails or transmits such an image will go to jail for up to 20 years. (Section 375)

- * An accused terrorist who is a foreign citizen and who cannot be deported can be held for an unspecified series of "periods of up to six months" with the attorney general's approval. (Section 412)

- * Biometric technology, such as fingerprint readers or iris scanners, will become part of an "integrated entry and exit data system" with the identities of visa holders who hope to enter the U.S. (Section 414)

- * Any Internet provider or telephone company must turn over customer information, including phone numbers called -- no court order required -- if the FBI claims the "records sought are relevant to an authorized investigation to protect against international terrorism." The company contacted may not "disclose to any person" that the FBI is doing an investigation. (Section 505)

- * Credit reporting firms like Equifax must disclose to the FBI any information that agents request in connection with a terrorist investigation -- without police needing to seek a court order first. Current law permits this only in espionage cases. (Section 505)

- * The current definition of terrorism is radically expanded to

include biochemical attacks and computer hacking. Some current computer crimes -- such as hacking a U.S. government system or breaking into and damaging any Internet-connected computer -- are covered. (Section 808)

* A new crime of "cyberterrorism" is added, which covers hacking attempts causing damage "aggregating at least \$5,000 in value" in one year, any damage to medical equipment or "physical injury to any person." Prison terms range between five and 20 years. (Section 814)

* New computer forensics labs will be created to inspect "seized or intercepted computer evidence relating to criminal activity (including cyberterrorism)" and to train federal agents. (Section 816)

Tips for Preparing for Terror Attack

Ed.: this article assumes Americans survive the USA PATRIOT Act.

Americans nervous about more terrorism may be wondering what they can do to prepare. Some tips:

Pick two places to meet family in an emergency - one near the home and the other at a more distant location if the area is evacuated.

Put together a kit with a three-day supply of water and food that won't spoil, changes of clothing, first aid items, prescription medications, battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, spare car keys, tools, bedding, matches, backup eyeglasses, sanitation supplies, important family documents, non-electric can opener.

The average person needs two quarts of water a day to drink and should have two quarts for sanitation. Nonperishable food choices include dried fruits and nuts, canned goods, peanut butter and crackers.

If evacuation is necessary, use travel routes specified by local authorities, not shortcuts because some areas could be impassable or dangerous. Wear sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts, long pants. Listen for instructions on the radio. Lock your home.

Take note of emergency exits when inside buildings, subways, stadiums. Be aware of heavy or breakable objects that could move, fall or break in an explosion. If trapped in debris, use a flashlight and don't kick up dust. Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing. Tap on a pipe or wall to alert rescuers.

If a chemical attack occurs, authorities would likely instruct residents either to evacuate immediately or seek shelter where they are and seal the premises. Leaving the shelter to help victims can be a deadly decision. Chemical agents, which can be odorless and hard to detect, can kill or incapacitate people, destroy livestock or ravage crops.

Similar instructions might follow a biological threat. Biological agents, such as contagious smallpox or non-contagious anthrax might be dispersed as airborne particles and be used to contaminate food or water. Anyone exposed should see a doctor as soon as possible.

Beware of mail that is unexpected or comes from an unfamiliar sender, is addressed to someone who no longer lives or works at the address, has no return address or a return address different from the postmark, is of unusual weight, given its size, or is lopsided or oddly shaped. Also of concern: mail marked "Personal" or "Confidential" or mail with protruding wires, strange odors or stains. Such mail shouldn't be opened or agitated: Call police.

If told to stay inside your home, lock all windows and exterior doors. Turn off fans, heating and air conditioning systems. Close the fireplace damper. Get to an interior room without windows that's above ground level. An aboveground location is better because some chemicals are heavier than air and may seep into basements even if windows are closed. Use tape to seal cracks around the door and vents into the room. Listen to radios or TVs for news and instructions.

Sources:

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Bin Laden "received UN cash"

A BBC investigation has revealed that the United Nations funded the work of a charity believed by the United States to be a front organisation for Osama Bin Laden.

The UN donated more than \$1.4m to a consortium of charities working in the Sudan in 1997, one of which was the Muwafaq (Arabic: blessed relief) Foundation.

The US Treasury believes wealthy businessman Yasin al-Qadi set up the charity. In a crackdown following the 11 September plane attacks on the US, Mr al-Qadi's assets were among those frozen by the Treasury for alleged links with terrorism.

According to Treasury officials, the charity was used by wealthy Saudi businessmen to transfer millions of dollars to Bin Laden.

Mr al-Qadi has denied any connection with terrorism and has instructed his lawyers to work to clear his name.

Charles Shoebridge, a former British anti-terrorist intelligence officer, believes that it is easy for terrorists to infiltrate charities, if not set them up themselves from the outset.

"For over a decade the government has been aware that a number of refugee support groups, relief organisations and charities do act, in fact, as fronts for the raising of finance for terrorist organisations," he told the BBC.

An investigation by Angus Stickler of the BBC's "Today" programme, shows that the UN donated money to Muwafaq to "promote educational and social development programmes" in Sudan.

The UN, Mr Shoebridge believes, should be ideally placed to judge the credentials of the charities it supports with public money.

"You would have thought that an organisation like the UN would have access to a certain amount of information from its constituent members' intelligence services" he said.

"The fact that the UN has been so easily duped will no doubt

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. – Mark Twain

cause great unease within the international community," says the BBC's correspondent.

"Not only would it have allowed terrorists to masquerade under a cloak of decency – it actually provided hard cash with which they could fund their cause."

-- BBC News

Breyer Warns on Constitution

NEW YORK (AP) – Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, in a subtle jab at his conservative colleagues, said those who favor a literal interpretation of the Constitution aren't necessarily following the framers' wishes.

The men who wrote the Constitution left many important areas open to interpretation, Breyer said in a speech at New York University School of Law.

"Those more literalist judges who emphasize language, history, tradition and precedent cannot justify their practices by claiming that is what the framers wanted," Breyer said, "For the framers did not say specifically what factors judges should emphasize when seeking to interpret the Constitution's open language."

Judges should be wary of enforcing a strict reading of the Constitution, Breyer said.

Five of the nine Supreme Court justices generally vote in favor of a literal interpretation – Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor. The four others – Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Souter and John Paul Stevens – tend to be more open to contemporary interpretations.

Commentary on Justice Breyer: "In questions of power...let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution." -- Thomas Jefferson

"The Constitution is either a superior, paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means, or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts and, like other acts, is alterable when the legislature [or judiciary – Ed.] shall please to alter it. If the former part of the alternative be true, then a legislative act [or judicial ruling – Ed.] contrary to the Constitution is not law; if the latter part be true, then written

constitutions are absurd attempts, on the part of the people, to limit a power in its own nature illimitable."

-- Chief Justice John Marshall (1803)

"If the Constitution is to be construed to mean what the majority at any given period in history wish the Constitution to mean, why a written Constitution?" -- Frank J. Hogan, President, American Bar Assn. (1939)

"I call the present system 'Post-Constitutional America.' As I sometimes put it, the U.S. Constitution poses no serious threat to our form of government." – Joseph Sobran, *How Tyranny Came to America*

Ordo ab Chao [Out of Chaos comes the New World Order]

"We're going to have to give up some of our liberties, to save our lives...." – Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, September 11, 2001

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"Necessity" – it is the plea
Of tyrants, and the creed of slaves.
"Give up the rights that make you free,
And trust the government that saves."

When dangers threaten and impend
Manipulators twist and bend
The facts to fit their foul end.

As they cry crocodile tears
And play upon our deepest fears
They do in days what would take years,

While many sit with silent stare,
Half blinded by the garish glare
And take the bait and trip the snare.

For "safety's sake" they rush to sell
Their sacred rights no foe could fell
By force, but fear works very well.

If only they could know the cost
Their sons will one day have to pay
In blood and tears for what they lost –
The birthright that they threw away.

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"They that give up essential liberty for a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." – Benjamin Franklin, 1759
-- By DE, 2001 A.D., G.D.W!

Gettting Ready to Hold Down the Fort

If something very very big happens like LA gets struck with Ebola or Seattle is nuked Martial Law would cause the ATF to shut down and seize all gun stores and ammo warehouses.

You need everything a soldier would need. Seeing as you do not have a battalion to hold down the fort that is up to ma and pa. You need a 308 AR-10 or an M1 Garand or a 30-06 deer rifle scoped---a long range weapon. You need a moderate range weapon like an AR-15 or AK or SKS.

You need a 12 gauge shotgun and .357, .45 or .44 Magnum pistol for close range.

If you are too old to run – buy the biggest gun and the baddest-because you ain't going to carry anything. You're holding down the fort.

If you are on a limited budget here is the cheapest route to get your biggest bang for the buck: An AK for \$350. An M1 Garand – shoots the 30-06 – for \$550. A Mossberg police riot gun \$250. Taurus 357 revolver \$150.

Get a mask and several filters with a chemo bio suit and plenty of ammo.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO
""""HOLD DOWN THE FORT!!!"

-- From the Net

Sitrep and S.A.L.U.T.E

By now you should know what a sitrep is and what a S.A.L.U.T.E. report is. You should know how to file them and you should not have to be goaded into doing a monthly sitrep. Here are the basics once again:

A sitrep (Situation Report) is just a short report to just say this is the current situation I'm in. It need not need be a long dissertation. If you are assigned a project, you do the project and send in a sitrep. Even if you don't finish the project, you file a sitrep so that your ranking officers know what is going on in your situation.

A S.A.L.U.T.E. Report is one which alerts others to immediate situations. For instance, you see a build up of troops or a road -block (or house to house search and seizure.) Your job is to report it, in writing if possible (preferably witnessed and signed by at least two people) and include pictures. I admonish all of you to buy those throwaway cameras from somewhere like wallyworld

(WalMart) for under \$10. That camera, kept in your car, might help you in court if you have a \$2000 fender bender. It can also tell your fellow militiamen a lot about what they are up against if you have to file a S.A.L.U.T.E. Report.

Okay, here it is one more time. Every S.A.L.U.T.E. Report will contain your name (or a member number if you're paranoid) along with a method of contacting you. Then write each word as in the following example and give the details in that order:

S = Size

A = Activity

L = Location

U = Unit

T = Time

E = Equipment

SAMPLE S.A.L.U.T.E. REPORT

Size = 40 Police

Activity = Roadblock

Location = Hwy. 1195, ten miles east of Trenton

Unit = Federal, State and Local Police

T = Time 2200 Hrs. 2 Sep. 2002

E = Equipment includes 1 helicopter, 3 large 14 ft closed body trucks, 9 cars and 1 prison bus.

SAMPLE ONLY SAMPLE ONLY

At the end of the report I would sign it and so would the witness and accompanying photographs would follow if possible.

Ed: we'll protect this patriot's identity from the likes of ADL snitch Mark Pitcavage.

Warm words for bin Laden

By Donna Abu-Nasr

LONDON - As much of the world paused to mourn the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, a group of Islamic militants gathered at the Finsbury Park Mosque in London to discuss the "positive outcomes" of the violence they claim to reject, and to praise the aims of Osama bin Laden.

Sheik Omar Bakri Mohammed of the radical group Al-Muhajiroun said the meeting, titled "Sept. 11, 2001: A Towering Day in History," argues that the attacks were justified because Muslims must defend themselves against armed aggression.

Al-Muhajiroun says its goal is to make Britain an Islamic state.

The Syrian-born Mohammed had warm words for bin Laden and the al-Qaida network, though he

said he disagreed with their violent tactics.

A dozen or so men with kaffiyehs over their faces stood on the steps of the mosque, barring about 50 journalists from entering.

Mohammed said the meeting was not associated with al-Qaida.

"We don't know who they are. We share the same beliefs, the same divine texts, we pray in the same direction to Mecca, we share the same purpose of life and objectives, but we don't share their structure or their method," Mohammed said.

"Definitely al-Qaida has got rational justification for what they did on Sept. 11. Maybe I disagree with them, but they have the right to fight back especially after they (the United States) bombed Sudan, then they bombed Afghanistan."

Abu Hamza al-Masri, a cleric at the Finsbury Park mosque, said this Sept. 11 "is a day of thinking and rethinking and getting the message out. I know many Muslims are oppressed. This is not a day to celebrate," said al-Masri.

Al-Masri is wanted in Yemen on terror charges, and his funds were frozen by the U.S. Treasury for his alleged membership in the Islamic Army of Aden. That organization is linked to al-Qaida and claimed responsibility for the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen in October 2000, in which 17 American sailors were killed.

He has had British citizenship since 1985, and is protected by British law from extradition to Yemen.

Al-Masri said the meeting had a message for U.S. President George W. Bush.

"We are telling that crazy man to stop. Don't use the war beyond your borders," al-Masri said.

In a statement on its Web site, al-Muhajiroun said the event will discuss the "positive outcomes from the 11th September not least of which is the clear crystallization of the two camps of Islam and Kufr (non-Islam), of believers and hypocrites and of those who follow the Messenger Muhammad and his companions (the salafis) and those deviant from this path," the statement said.

AP, September 11, 2002

Junk Science Debunked In Suicide 'Study'

In another case of "cooking the books" to get the results they want, the August 27 *Reuters Health Report* ran a story about Dr. Matthew Miller and his colleagues at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts, under the headline, "Where There are Guns There are Suicides: Study."

This remarkable misrepresentation of the facts could also have easily been titled, "Where There are No Guns There are Suicides," since the second paragraph of the story states, "While this study does not show that owning a gun increases the likelihood that household members will try to kill themselves, the authors note, the findings do suggest that a relationship between the two factors exists." The relationship is that more people choose a firearm to commit suicide in the United States, but the US suicide rate is lower than many countries where access to guns is quite more restricted. In Japan, where private firearm ownership is practically impossible, figures from the World Health Organization (available by country at http://www5.who.int/mental_health/main.cfm?p=0000000515) show a rate of suicide twice that of the U.S. In the gun-free Communist utopia of Cuba the suicide rate is approximately 20 per 100,000 population, and in the U.S. it is about 11.

Merely removing firearms from a household where someone contemplates doing harm to himself or herself is no guarantee of suicide prevention. Professional treatment should be sought for that person immediately. Likewise, the presence of a firearm does not increase the likelihood of suicide -- the authors of this study say so themselves.

Controlling the NRA

There was a time that I actually advocated resigning one's NRA membership, because I was so disgusted with the compromises, and back door deals the NRA was making with politicians, at the expense of our 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms. However, over the years I began to realize that if we are to rein in this wild, and out of control gun lobby, we would have to learn from our enemy to

INFILTRATE the halls of the NRA with a strong, no-compromising Board of Directors, that will insist on change and get the job done! And you can only vote for the NRA board of directors by being either a 5 year renewing member or a life member. The VERY people that resign their NRA memberships out of disgust (due to the compromise NRA is well known for) are exactly the members that could have cast the vote to throw the compromisers out of the NRA!

Friends, boycotts against the NRA do not stop their compromising our rights away. Joining other gun organizations is a very good step and much needed, but it is not the total and final solution to this dilemma. If it was we would have won the battle by now! The truth is, the NRA is NOT going away, for there will always be enough simple-minded people that will "blindly" follow "Moses" in spite of what is right or wrong (you will try in vain to change their minds).

Annual membership dues only cover the money they spend on your initial membership. So, if you are worried about promoting gun control by keeping your NRA membership, think again. It is a break even situation for them. I know this to be a SOLID FACT. Just don't give them any more than the annual membership!

Folks, it is time we understand that our day will come, to see change within the NRA. It is our responsibility to be PREPARED when this day arrives. If we are not prepared, we will miss a rare window of opportunity that will only open for a brief space of time.

Help Gun Owners Alliance spread the word! Consider joining our webbing called, "Gun Owners Alliance for a No-Compromise NRA". It is found at:

<http://www.GunOwnersAlliance.com/no-compromise.htm>

Ed.: To join the NRA call 877 672-2000. To join a no-compromise group call Gun Owners of America (703) 321-8585.

The NRA's August 2002 issue of *Freedom's Choice* gives you an idea of NRA's mindset. An article titled "State AGs Support Your Right to Bear Arms" reports that 18 state attorneys general sent a letter to U.S. AG Ashcroft supporting the Bush Administration's "proper reading of the Second Amendment." Let's see now, 50 minus 18 equals

32 "top lawmen" who don't support the 2d Amendment. An honest article would have been titled "Most State AGs Don't Support Your Right to Bear Arms."

Head of Sept. 11 Probe Allegedly Obstructed Waco Inquiry

The official in charge of ferreting out information about the FBI for a joint congressional intelligence panel allegedly obstructed a Justice Department probe of the bureau two years ago.

As the FBI's deputy general counsel, Thomas A. Kelley was the bureau's point of contact for special counsel John C. Danforth's inquiry into the 1993 Waco debacle in which 75 Branch Davidians died in a fire after a 51-day standoff.

Kelley, who has since retired from the FBI, heads the intelligence panel's probe of the bureau's role in tracking terrorist before the Sept. 11 attacks.

According to a December 2000 internal FBI memo, Kelley "continued to thwart and obstruct" the Waco investigation to the point that Danforth was forced to send a team to search FBI headquarters for documents Kelley refused to turn over. "This non-cooperative spirit was at the specific direction of [deputy general counsel] Kelley," the memo states.

The memo, written by an agent in the bureau's Office of Professional Responsibility, is cited in a letter sent to the intelligence committee leadership by "Sen. Charles El Grassley (R-Iowa).

"I am concerned that Mr. Kelley is part of this review," Grassley wrote.

The letter says that even when Kelley's supervisor recused him from dealing with the Waco investigators, Kelley "continued to insert himself into the Waco inquiry."

Kelley declined to comment.

The memo says Kelley should have been investigated for alleged "unprofessional conduct, poor judgment, conflict of interest, hostile work environment and retaliation/reprisal" related to his role in the Waco investigation. Grassley's letter says Kelley retired "before an OPR investigation could proceed."

Kelley is part of a 27-person staff hired to do the panel's work. The staff has divided into teams

investigating the CIA, FBI and National Security Agency. Kelley is leading the FBI team.

In an interview last year, Danforth, a former senator from Missouri who conducted a 14-month investigation into the FBI's handling of Waco, faulted the FBI's "spirit of resistance" to outside scrutiny. "It was like pulling teeth to get all this paper from the FBI," he said.

-- *Washington Post*, June 22, 2002

In Memoriam: Ann Lander's Deadly Advice

By Larry Pratt, Executive Director, Gun Owners of America

Ann Landers passed away this year after spending most of her life giving advice to countless Americans. While she may have helped many people, she unfortunately gave bad, dangerous and deadly advice about guns.

For example in the *Chicago Tribune* (11/20/01) Landers ran a letter from Sen. Edward Kennedy's wife, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, president of something called Common Sense About Kids. Mrs. Kennedy said "all gun owners must" do the following:

1. Unload and lock up guns
2. Lock and store ammunition separately
3. Keep keys and combinations where kids are unable to find them

However I prefer the wisdom of Mary Carpenter who says, in a videotaped Public Service Announcement for Gun Owners Foundation:

"When a crazed killer broke into my grandchildren's house, the 14-year-old sister was the oldest one at home. She knew how to use a gun but the guns were locked up. She was helpless to stop her little brother and sister from being stabbed to death with a pitchfork. I urge you to not lock up your safety."

Mary Carpenter is alluding to the horrible murders of two "precious children" because the guns that could have saved them were locked up in compliance with California law, something Mrs. Kennedy, with Ann Lander's approval, "must" be done.

In August of 2000 a naked maniac broke into the Merced, California, home of John Carpenter and his family. He stabbed to death

7-year-old John Carpenter and his sister 9-year-old Ashley.

The murderer was shot to death by sheriff's deputies.

The *Fresno Bee* (8/26/2000) quotes the Carpenter children's great uncle, the Rev. John Hilton, as saying: "If only [14-year-old Jessica] had a gun available to her, she could have stopped the whole thing. If she had been properly armed, she could have stopped him in his tracks."

The article goes on to say that the murdered children's father, John Carpenter, "kept a gun in the home. His children had learned how to fire it. But he kept it locked away and hidden from his children." Why? Because California law effectively punishes parents for failing to do so.

Now two "precious children" -- John and Ashley Carpenter -- are dead. All because of the supposed concerns of people like Ann Landers and Mrs. Teddy Kennedy and their anti-gun, anti-self defense ilk who want all guns in the home unloaded and locked up.

-- *The Gun Owners*, Sept. 20, 2002

Letter to the Editor

Here is something you may want.

Americans must speak out in defense of their personal freedom. The Constitution is always at risk in times of crisis, and our history has taught us that there is a tendency to overreach security, and then with hindsight to regret.

Dr. Coleman, *World in Review*:

Imposition of Military Courts: The right of issuing proclamations is one of the prerogatives of the Crown of England. No such power being expressly given in the Federal Constitution. ALL power sought must be expressly implied or stated in the Constitution.

The landmark case *Ex Parte Milligan* (1866). There is no power to

establish military courts as long as the civil courts are open.

The Constitution says "the trials of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury (Art. III, Sec. II, Cl. 3). And the 6th Amendment guarantees the right to trial by jury.

What happened to John Walker can happen to us. [Ed.: we can be labeled "enemy combatants" and denied Constitutional protections.]

When the U.S. Constitution is silent on any proposed power under the delegated powers of Congress (Art. 1, Sect. 8, Cl. 1-18) and the proposed power is not incidental to another power already in the Constitution, then it is a prohibition (inhibition) of that power and may not be taken or used.

This makes all gun control laws of whatever stripe null and void, ultra vires [Ed.: an act performed without any authority to act on subject. -- *Black's Law Dictionary*, abridged 6th edition] and nothing but scraps of paper. The Fifth Amendment to the Bill of Rights, Art. 5, prohibits gun control laws: "No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty or property" and guns are private property.

Dr. Coleman, *Gun Control, An Attack on the Whole Constitution* World in Review

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I love Mark Twain, but we know that quote by heart now so ...

Democracy is socialism, socialism is democracy. -- Karl Marx

Democracy is a form of worship. It is the worship of jackals by jackasses. -- H.L. Mencken (1919)

The new H.R. 2459 -- George Orwell, here we come.

Yahweh Bless,
Love and knowledge,
ZZ, Federal prisoner

Recent American Military History

1989 - Panama invaded, government overturned.

Threat to United States: None, though Noriega was complicit in U.S. drug trade.

1991 - Iraq invaded, more than 100,000 killed

Threat to United States: None

1992-93 - Somalia invaded, thousands killed

Threat to United States: None

1994 - Haiti invaded, government overturned

Threat to United States: None

1995 - Bosnia invaded, government overturned

Threat to United States: None

2001 -- Afghanistan invaded, government overturned

Threat to United States: Terrorism

2002 - Iraq invaded?

Threat to United States: None

In the search for the evil empire, to quote Pogo, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

We did most of these things on behalf of the United Nations. The United Nations gained power from these actions. The United States gained casualties, expense, and enemies all over the world. Now we ask: WHY did 9-11-2001 happen?????

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In the Virginia ratifying convention Patrick Henry warned: "**Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined.**" The force he referred to was the force of an armed citizenry standing as a final barrier against attempts by government to strip away our rights and liberties, for any reason.

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